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Ms. Shonda Green
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Department of Telecommunications and Cable
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Re: CoxCom, Inc. d/b/a/ Cox Communications New England; DTC 16-1;
Request for Extension of Confidential Treatment

Dear Ms. Green:

On behalf of CoxCom, Inc. d/b/a/ Cox Communications New England ("Cox" or the "Company"), we hereby request that the Department continue its confidential treatment of information Cox provided in Docket No. 16-1 for an additional period of five (5) years from the date of expiration of the period of confidentiality accorded in this matter (*i.e.*, through January 26, 2027). The Department initially granted confidential treatment of this information in the January 26, 2017 Hearing Officer Ruling (the "Ruling").

The Ruling granted Cox's Motion for Protective Order and accorded confidential treatment to the per-channel programming cost information contained in Cox's unredacted responses to Information Request 1-2 for a period of five (5) years from the date of the Ruling (*i.e.*, through January 26, 2022). The Ruling further afforded Cox an opportunity to renew its request at the end of that five-year period. *See* Ruling at 5.

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Cox reaffirms that the information for which the Department accorded confidential treatment remains confidential and commercially sensitive information that should be protected from public disclosure. The Company has continued to seek and the Department has continued to grant confidential treatment for per-channel programming costs in rate proceedings (*e.g.*, DTC 07-10, DTC 10-10, DTC 12-1, DTC 14-1, DTC 15-3, and DTC 17-7). The Department has consistently recognized that public disclosure of this commercially sensitive information would damage Cox's competitive position. Moreover, the long-term contractual relationships between Cox and its programming suppliers cover programming costs reviewed in multiple Department rate proceedings, and require Cox to continue to maintain this information on a confidential basis.

Cox therefore respectfully requests that the Department extend confidential treatment of the above per-channel programming cost information for an additional period of (5) years. Please contact me if the Department has any questions or needs further information.

Sincerely,



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